
Purpose:

On January 23, 2007, the department adopted changes to chapter 296-874 WAC, Scaffolds. This rulemaking corrected errors and made housekeeping changes to keep this rule as effective as the federal equivalent.

For example: In WAC 296-874-20052, the word “arrest” was removed from the existing rule and replaced with the word “restraint.” We corrected that error by adding the word “arrest” back into the rule, which keeps us as effective as the federal equivalent.

In addition, we repealed the crawling board requirements in WAC 296-874-40016, and one crawling board requirement in WAC 296-874-20056, because they did not meet the requirements for the scaffolds rule, and already exist in the construction rule, chapter 296-155 WAC.

Amended Sections:

WAC 296-874-100, Scope

- Corrected a referenced WAC number

WAC 296-874-20030, Make sure ramps and walkways used to access scaffolds meet these requirements

- Corrected a title to: “Working surfaces, guarding floors and wall openings.”

WAC 296-874-20052, Provide fall protection for employees on scaffolds

- Added the word “arrest” and removed the word “restraint”

WAC 296 -874-20056, Provide specific fall protection for specific types of scaffolds

- Removed a requirement that did not belong in the rule

WAC 296-874-40004, Prevent supported scaffolds from tipping

- Corrected the title of the illustration to match the actual requirement

WAC 296-874-40006, Make sure supported scaffolds are properly supported

- Added a reference

WAC 296-874-40040, Meet these requirements when using tube and coupler scaffolds

- Removed an illustration that did not belong in this section of the rule

WAC 296-874- 500, Definitions.

- Removed a definition (crawling board) that did not belong in the rule

Repealed sections:

WAC 296-874-40016, Meet these requirements when using crawling boards (chicken ladders)

- Repealed crawling board requirements from this chapter because they did not meet the requirements for the scaffolds rule, and already exist in the construction rule, chapter 296-155 WAC.